

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-04

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted the 50 State Commemorative Coin Program Act, which created The 50 State Quarters Program, under which a design honoring each state is placed on the reverse side of the United States quarter; and

WHEREAS, the United States Mint will release the North Dakota State commemorative quarter in 2006; and

WHEREAS, as part of the selection process, the Secretary of the Treasury and the United States Mint have requested that the Governor conduct a concept selection process and provide the United States Mint at least three, but no more than five, narrative design concepts for the North Dakota quarter; and

WHEREAS, based on the narrative design concepts submitted by the state, the United States Mint will produce original artwork embodying each concept. After approval of the designs by the Secretary of the Treasury, the designs will be presented to the state. As provided in the Act, the Governor will then recommend the final design to the Secretary of the Treasury for final approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, it is hereby ordered:

The North Dakota Quarter Design Selection Process Commission is hereby established. The Commission shall develop the narrative design concepts to be presented to the United States Mint and shall make recommendations to the Governor regarding the final design of the North Dakota quarter.

The Commission shall consist of the following members:

Lieutenant Governor Jack Dalrymple, Chairman Secretary of State Alvin A. Jaeger Representative Nancy Johnson Senator Karen Krebsbach Dina Butcher David Gipp Sara Otte-Coleman Merl Paaverud Jan Webb Each member of the Commission shall remain a member until the final design of the North Dakota quarter has been selected by the Governor. If a member is unable to serve, the Chairman shall appoint a replacement.

The Commission shall adopt a procedure for the solicitation, review and consideration of all narrative design concepts received by the Commission. By a time specified by the United States Mint, the Commission shall submit three to five narrative design concepts for the North Dakota quarter. The Commission may edit any design concept submitted to the United States Mint and shall explain why the concept is emblematic of the State of North Dakota.

When the United States Mint provides the state with its final design, the Commission shall reconvene to review the designs and to make final recommendations to the Governor. The Governor shall have final approval of the design submitted to the United States Mint.

This Executive Order shall expire when the Secretary of the Treasury approves the final design of the North Dakota quarter.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota this 7th day of April, 2004.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State